

# Sandy City Business Watch

*Sandy City Police Department*



## Alcohol and Drugs in the Workplace

Being under the influence of drugs or alcohol, users can commit workplace crimes they may not do otherwise. In addition, employee performance is affected being; less productive, using more sick days, increase in health insurance claims, and a safety issue to co-workers and themselves.

“In a National Safety Council survey, 39% of employers viewed prescription drug use as a threat to safety and just 24% said it is a problem, even though seven in 10 companies reported issues ranging from absenteeism to overdose.” “At Work.” Drugs at Work, <https://www.nsc.org/work-safety/safety-topics/drugs-at-work>

In addition to deaths and accidents, absenteeism and loss of production, other problems that alcohol and drug abuse can cause on the job include:

- Tardiness/sleeping on the job
- Hangover or withdrawal affecting job performance
- Poor decision making
- Loss of efficiency
- Theft
- Lower morale of co-workers
- Increased likelihood of having trouble with co-workers/supervisors or tasks
- Preoccupation with obtaining and using substances while at work, interfering with attention and concentration
- Illegal activities at work including selling illicit drugs to other employees
- Higher turnover
- Training of new employees
- Disciplinary procedures

For more information: <https://www.verywellmind.com/substance-abuse-in-the-workplace-63807>

## Crimes of Opportunity

A crime of opportunity is a crime that is committed without planning, and many criminals are opportunists. These individuals may not be the most industrious and will look for the easiest target. Unlocked doors, windows, and items left outside of businesses, creates the best situation for criminals to help themselves.



## What Thieves Look For

**Cash** - Difficult to impossible to trace who the money belongs to, and easiest to conceal and spend.

**Credit Cards** - the thief may try to use the credit card to buy things at places such as convenience stores, online, or even try to get new cards in the owner's name.

**Laptop computers** - Easy to sell and can yield a considerable amount of cash for perpetrators. The criminal can try and access information on the computer and retrieve client, banking, and personal information, passwords, etc.

**Tools** - Easy to pawn or sell. Many businesses forget to document and save serial numbers.

**Business product** - can sell items online, swap meets, or trade.

## Protect Your Business

Steps to Keep Your Business Safe from Burglary

- ❖ Illuminate the exterior of your business
- ❖ Protect Your business with an alarm and safe bolted to the floor
- ❖ Install exterior cameras
- ❖ Secure windows and doors
- ❖ When possible, do not keep cash on the premises
- ❖ Write down and safely secure all serial numbers to computers and business equipment
- ❖ Keep exterior of business well maintained
- ❖ Get expert advice if needed; i.e. alarm and security camera professional
- ❖ Boot, chain, and add GPS device to trailers, vehicles and big equipment



July 1 - September 30, 2019					
Sandy City Offenses	Alta	Bell	Crescent	Sandy	Total
Arson	2		1	2	5
Assault	30	12	33	125	200
Burglary	11	4	18	46	79
Controlled Substances	16	8	52	159	235
Damaged Property	28	23	39	73	163
Embezzlement			2	4	6
Extortion	1			1	2
Family Offenses	26	10	28	88	152
Fish and Game	9	5	13	29	56
Flight or Escape	5	1	11	53	70
Forgery	2		8	24	34
Fraudulent	23	9	53	64	149
Health or Safety		2		1	3
Kidnapping	1	1		7	9
Liquor Law	2	1	2	5	10
Obstructing Justice			1	3	4
Obstructing Police	3		1	19	23
Privacy Violations	11	3	38	66	118
Public Order	67	23	80	245	415
Public Peace	71	13	52	160	296
Robbery			3	6	9
Sex Offenses	7	5	7	31	50
Stolen Property	2	2		12	16
Stolen Vehicles	15	5	13	41	74
Theft	56	15	134	192	397
Traffic Offenses	92	39	148	405	684
Weapons Offenses	2	2	1	17	22
<b>Total</b>	<b>482</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>738</b>	<b>1,878</b>	<b>3,281</b>
<b>Alta</b> - 1300 East to the east border, north border to the gully; <b>Bell</b> - 1300 E to the east border, the gully to the south border; <b>Crescent</b> - west border to 1300 East, the gully to the south border; <b>Sandy</b> - west border to 1300 E, north border to the gully.					